

**DECEMBER 21, 2014
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WEEK OF
DECEMBER 21, 2014
IN MEMORY OF GLADYS VOYEAU
FROM HER LOVING DAUGHTER CAROL**

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, December 20, 2014

9:00AM Anthony Mineo
4:00PM Tony Fiumefreddo
5:30PM Msgr. Leo Bierster

Sunday, December 21, 2014

8:00AM Andre Graziano
9:15AM Robert Westrich
10:30AM Angelina and Vincent Sanfilippo
12 Noon Deceased Members of the Reynolds and McSorley Fms.
1:15PM Lenny Galati
7:00PM Lucy Ferrigno

Monday

9:00AM Anna O'Connor

Tuesday

9:00AM Margaret Leahy

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Casso and Ferraioli Family

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00PM Richard Rauch and Netta Scimecca, and Joseph and Gaetana Levantino
6:00PM Charles Kohm, Sr. and Charles Kohm, Jr.

Midnight Mass: John Milo and Gladys Voyeau

Thursday, December 25, 2014, Christmas Day

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Kohm, Palisay and Leyton Fms.
9:00AM Dec. of the O'Connor Family and George, Sr. and Stephanie Vierno
10:30AM Dec. of the Newell and Perrone Fms.
12 Noon Ed Bosek and Nella LaBarbera
1:30PM Dec. of the Smith Family and Michael Claps

Friday

9:00AM Alfred Reda

Saturday, December 27, 2014

9:00AM Patrick Muscaro
4:00PM Emily DeLuca
5:30PM Pasquale Garzillo

Sunday, December 28, 2014

8:00AM Louis Catuogno
9:15AM Albert and Helen Giardino and Stephanie and George Vierno
10:30AM Ann Fettinger
12 Noon Caroline Tanella
1:15PM Daniel Catalano
7:00PM Deceased Members of the Palmieri and Persichilli Fms.

Lectors – Dec. 27, 2014

4:00PM F. Barone
5:30PM A. Pompei
Eucharistic Ministers
4:00PM V. Caruso, L. Barbato, A. Petrocelli, C. Losi, C. Harris
5:30PM C. Houle, A. Pompei, A. Dazio, M. Lappin, ME Carey

Lectors – Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014

8:00AM J. Perdichizzi, M. Truckenbrodt
9:15AM Mike Higgins
10:30AM M. Pinto
12 Noon Mike Newell
1:15PM F. Monte
7:00PM J. Limeri
Eucharistic Ministers
8:00AM T. Daluise, J. Stanzione, A. Sparandera, L. & R. Bauer
9:15AM L. Appel, J. Gatto, T. Rizzotti, L. Capobianco, R. Corbett
10:30AM G. & E. Riozzi, C. Ordy, B. & MA Higgins
12 Noon R. Marino, MA Russo, R. Gamba, J. Tolento, R. LaMonica
1:15PM V. Acri, P. & L. DeCarlo, C. Messina, F. Palazzo
7:00PM S. Caiazzo, G. Scotto, J. Prato, G. LaGrua, B. Weir

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS ASSIGNMENTS. PLEASE BE FAITHFUL TO THE SCHEDULE ON CHRISTMAS. THANK YOU.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, December 27, 2014

4:00 P.M.: D. & D. Battaglia, J. & K. Martino
5:30 P.M.: M. Esposito, C. & R. Nicholaou, A. Romani

Sunday, December 28, 2014

8:00 A.M.: C. Luisi, S. Marashaj, J. & N. Mele
9:15 A.M.: M. Coelho, K. & K. Lee, S. Scalzo
10:30 A.M.: A. & R. Ruzzkowski, G. Pelucco, C. Trang
12:00 Noon: D. Russo, N. Rotondi, C. Sikorjak, B. Stackhouse
1:15 P.M.: P. Arellano, G. Artz, E. Carey, G. Gulotta
7:00 P.M.: L. Caiazzo, PJ Caiazzo, C. & J. Rubin

HEALING MASS AND SERVICE

The Healing Mass will be on **Tues., Jan. 6th** at **7:30PM**. Fr. Thomas Devery will be the main celebrant. Anyone in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing is welcome to attend.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new lector workbooks are in the Sacristy. Please pick one up after mass on the weekend. Please check your name off the list when you sign your book out. Thank you.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED FOR LUNCH

The Rectory Office is closed for one hour, during lunchtime, from 1PM to 2PM, from Monday to Friday. Please refrain from telephoning or visiting during these hours unless it is an emergency. We thank you for your cooperation.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

On this Sunday just before Christmas, I was given a gift from Annette Cronin, a poet and a friend. Hot off the presses and just in time for Christmas.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
*Bells will be ringing and carolers singing
Christmas Day is just around the bend
It's a time for good cheer and those we hold dear
Time to shop and do lunch with a friend
Santa's so busy, his list leaves him dizzy
The kids show no mercy and they want B-I-G
The elves are exhausted, the reindeers are frosted
Much to do every year for this gig
Shoppers minds are a- reeling for gifts so appealing
This budget goes up in smoke
The list seems unending, as well as the spending
Gotta cut down this year – it's no joke*

*Now while all this gets done, we're forgetting someone
His gifts can't be bought in a mall
The Christ child was born that first Christmas morn
And the season is His above all
His gifts are all free – get to know Him and see
And they keep us from going astray
He wants us to use them, but never abuse them
Just trust Him in prayer everyday
And the biggest gift of all to help us further not to fall
Was forgiving all our sins --- and so much more
It was quite a sensation and a great invitation
To life eternal with Him at Heaven's door.
He's done so much for us and wants no big fuss
Just our love and a pure heart that's true
The day is in His name and oh what a shame
Not to get a spiritual birthday gift from you.
- Annette Cronin, Advent 2014*

From all of us here at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church to you and your loved ones have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2015. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to us and the Newborn King's abundant graces be poured out upon your family and friends at this very special time.

May the Christ Child Bless you all,

Father Tom Devery



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pauline Adams, Alicia Balestrino, Mary Bay, Nicoletta Caputo, Grace Cataudella, Ethel Cohen, David and Nanette Colon, Marion Concadora, Dominick Crea, Gen Decio, Zeina Enciso, Barbara Foresti, Kayla Fredenck, Thomas Paul Gaither, Elizabeth Giamarino, Nicole Giambone, Lorraine Hamer, Jennifer Hoban, Thomas Lamantia, Michael Maniscalco, Andrew Martingano, Joe Mauro, Kelly McCarthy, Chuck Melka, Raymond Nelson, Susan Nemer, Joanne Paramonte, Camille Polly, Joe Puglisi, Carmen, John and Eva Ragona, Len Schiffman, Celeste Setty, Amir Shirazi, William St. Laurent, Dora Valente, Lisa Vasquez, Cele Van Winkle and MaryLou Yacovacci.



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offers our sincere condolences to the families of the deceased:

*Frederick Chilvers, Anthony Rizzotti, James Lapard
Robert Short and Castagna*



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SECOND TIME: Fred Palmer and Lauren D'Aversa
THIRD TIME: Michael Maravintoni and CaraAnn Gargiullo
Robert Scarimbola and Gina DeLuca

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR BRIDES AND GROOMS

Sunday, Dec. 28th at 8:15PM, we will have our Music Workshop in the Church after the 7PM Mass. At this time, you will be able to select the liturgical music for your wedding and ask any questions you may have. **Next workshop: Feb. 28th at 8:15PM.**

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a family member, who is homebound, and would like to receive Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the rectory to arrange to have a priest visit. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2014

MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2014

4:00PM, 6:00PM &

MIDNIGHT MASS

MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2015

7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM,

12 NOON AND 1:30PM

Masses are in the Church only. Please note that the 4PM and 10:30AM are very crowded. If necessary, you can use the municipal lot across from the library on Huguenot Ave. Please do not use the TD Bank Parking Lot across the street from the Church. Thank you.

St. Servulus, Layman, December 23

Servulus was born in Rome in the 6th Century. Afflicted with palsy when he was an infant, he was never able to stand, sit upright or feed himself. His family would carry him to St. Clement Church, where he could beg for alms. Whatever extra he collected, he would share with other needy people. He would also purchase Scripture books that he would ask others to read to him. Servulus died around 590 after a lifetime spent in thanksgiving to God for his goodness, despite the terrible existence he was forced to endure. He was buried in the Church of St. Clement.

PARENTS PRAYING TOGETHER

OLSS parents are invited to join together and pray the Rosary. Parents will pray together each week from 2:15 pm to 2:30 pm in the church chapel.

ADULT VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY

Our Annual Volunteer Party will be held on Friday, January 9, 2015, from 7:30PM to 11PM for all:

Eucharistic Min. & Lectors	Altar Adult Care Committee
Ushers and Sacristans	Adult Choir
Boy/Cub Scouts Exec. Board	Soccer Exec. Board
Contemporary Ensemble	Parish School & Religious
Bereavement Core Team	OLSS Education Faculty
Div. & Separated Core Team	RCIA Core Team
Adult Faith Formation Team (AFF)	Parents Assoc. Board
Eucharistic Adorers	50 Plus Group Officers
Food Pantry Volunteers	

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday, Jan. 2nd, so that we can order the right amount of food. Call #984-0593 and leave your name and number.

BAPTISM PREPARATION POLICY

All Parish Families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the Parish Baptismal Preparation Program. The program is held mostly on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month at 12 Noon in the Athletic Center (Damato Meeting Room). We invite you to bring along your baby's Godparents to hear this special presentation. Please call the rectory for a Registration Packet before attending the Sunday Meeting. A copy of the child's birth certificate is needed. The sponsor must have proof of Confirmation, a sponsor certificate (see sponsor certificate information below) and must be at least 14 years of age. The Baptismal donation of \$100 and the yellow registration form must be brought to the Parish Office (Mon.-Fri. 9 to 4PM), prior to the Baptism Meeting. You may then bring the completed registration form to the meeting of your choice.

BAPTISMAL CLASS 12 Noon – 2nd and 4th Sundays OLSS ATHLETIC CENTER

Dec. 28th
Jan. 11th and Jan. 25th
Feb. 8th and Feb. 22nd
March 8th and March 22nd
April 12th and April 26th
May 10th and May 24th



BAPTISMAL CEREMONIES IN THE CHURCH 2:15 PM – 2nd and 4th Sundays

Dec. 28th
Jan. 11th and Jan. 25th
Feb. 8th and Feb. 22nd
March 8th and March 22nd
April 12th and April 26th
May 10th and May 24th

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Certificates attesting to the fact that a parishioner is a practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. These certificates may be obtained only **AFTER** the Masses on Saturday evening or **AFTER** any of the other Sunday Masses. The **PERSON REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE MUST** see the priest **AFTER ATTENDING THE MASS** and request one.

GROUP MEETINGS

BOOK GROUP: Check the bulletin for our next meeting. We are reading *Open Mind, Faithful Heart* - Reflections on Following Jesus by Pope Francis. For more information, please contact Kathy Melka at 917-696-7081.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The Group will meet on **Wed., Jan. 7th, at 7:30PM in the rectory.** (The following meeting will be Wed., Jan. 21st. The group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

50 PLUS CLUB: The next meeting will be on **Fri., Jan. 9th at 1PM.** (Following meeting: Jan. 23rd) Call Terry at (718) 317-1801 for more information.

PRAYER GROUP: Group meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM in the Damato Rm. in the Athletic Center. The next meeting will be on Dec. 23rd.



Christmas Flower Offering

During the Christmas Season, our church is adorned with lovely Christmas flowers.

If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Flower fund, please use the envelope found in your packet of Sunday envelopes noting the loved one you would like remembered on the line provided.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION – CALLING NEW MEMBERS

Are you interested in making a difference? Our Core Team is currently looking for individuals who can work collaboratively with our group to help set direction for upcoming Adult Faith Formation initiatives and events within our parish. If you are interested. Kindly email Joe Limeri – jlimeri@aol.com

INQUIRY: Did you ever think of becoming a Catholic? Have you been coming to Church with a family member or a friend for a number of years and maybe considered Baptism and full initiation into the Catholic Church? Are you baptized in another faith, but now desire to become Catholic? If interested or would like more information call the rectory: (718) 984-0593.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. EDWARD FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to work at the Food Pantry and volunteers to help with fundraising. The Pantry is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 to 1PM. If you are interested in putting in a few hours once a month, please contact OLSS volunteer coordinator, Maryann Russo at (718) 984-1625 or by email at stedwardfoodpantry@gmail.com.

The pantry is located at 6581 Hylan Blvd. and is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 10AM and 1PM. If you are in need, go to the pantry. If you would like to donate food, they could always use cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, soup, pasta, etc. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY TRACK AND FIELD: Registration for Cross Country Track and Field is taking place now. Please email Erin Ryan at tmm4e@verizon.net or contact Mia Marinaccio at 718-966-8860 ext. 501. Cross Country is open to boys and girls in grades pre-k through 8. This is a great way to get in shape for other sports or just have fun. All levels are welcome! Fee is \$85 for the season. You can email Erin or call Mia with questions.



IN MEMORIAM SR. AUDREY BOYLAN, SC

On Monday, January 5, 2015, we will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Sr. Audrey in our Church at 7PM. All are invited to attend. (Teachers, Principal of OLSS from 1965-1984)

SCHOOL NEWS

ATTENTION OLSS SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES

Would you like to help support our Community and School while saving 50% to 90% off of local Staten Island community based places to eat, activities, and places to go? It takes only a minute, and a click of your time. Please visit: www.LivingSI.com and become a member. It's that easy!! Once a day, you will receive an e-mail from www.LivingSI.com with an offer from a local business that you know and trust. It may be from a restaurant, health and beauty shops, entertainment choices, cultural activities, educational options, sports lessons and camps, and more. If the offer is of interest to you, Purchase, and use it! LivingSI will donate \$1 to Our Lady Star of the Sea School when you select our school in the dropdown menu at the checkout. Thank you very much – every dollar helps. Please spread the word, tell your friends and family!

12 STEP MEETINGS IN RECTORY BASEMENT

ACOA	Sun., 5:30PM
AA	Sun., 8:15PM
	Mon., 10AM
	Tues., 4PM
	Thurs., 4PM
	Fri., 4PM
	Sat., 7:30PM & 9PM
PILLS ANON.	Tues., 6:30PM
	Fri., 6:30PM
GAMBLERS ANON.	Tues., 8:00PM
AL ANON	Thurs., 7:15PM

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be a new meeting every Friday night at 8PM - Over Eaters Anonymous. Next meeting: Friday, Dec. 26th.

STOP COLD INTERVENTIONS 1-800-996-4104

PLEASE NOTE: Every first Thursday, there will be a dinner at 6PM, a meeting at 7:15PM and a Healing Mass at 8:30PM in O'Mara Hall/Chapel for members of 12 Step Programs. Cost: \$20. The next meeting is on Jan. 2, 2015



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OPEN HOUSES

Pre-K3 Jan 15 • 9-10am
Pre-K4 Jan 7 • 9-10am
Pre-K3-Gr 8 Jan 27 • 9-10am
INFORMATION SESSION
Jan 13 • 7-8pm • Pre-K Center

REGISTRATION

Pre-K3 Jan 20 • 9-11am
Pre-K4 & K-7 Grade
Jan 21 • 9-11am
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To Register Call 718-984-5750 Irma Cummings, Principal or 718-984-0593 Debbie Emigholz, Parish Manager

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